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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM

ANKARA FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. I HAVE JUST HAD A LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS AND TRIED TO GET HIM TO ACCEPT THE PHRASE "UNDER HIS PERSONAL AUSPICES," INFORMING HIM THAT THE GOT HAD BEEN PERSUADED IN ANKARA TO ACCEPT THIS. I TOLD HIM ABOUT ALL THE STRENUOUS EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN MAKING IN NEW YORK AND ANKARA TO TRY AND FIND LANGUAGE FOR THE RESOLUTION THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES AND WOULD ENABLE US ALSO TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION. I TOLD HIM THAT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THE GOT WAS NOW WILLING TO ACCEPT THE RE-DRAWN PARAGRAPH 6 --ALTHOUGH I QUALIFIED THIS SLIGHTLY BY SAYING THAT I WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT I WAS FULLY AND UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMED ON THIS--WITH ONLY A ONE-WORD CHANGE, NAMELY, THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE WORD "AUSPICES"
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FOR THE WORD "DIRECTION." I SAID WE BELIEVED THAT THE

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OVERALL PARAGRAPH WITH ITS SPECIFIC PHRASING MET THE GOG DESIRE FOR THE SYG'S INVOLVEMENT AND THAT IT SEEMED ABSURD TO ME FOR GREECE NOT TO ACCEPT THIS SINCE NOT TO DO SO WOULD ONLY HARM THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS WHICH ARE OUR PRIMARY GOAL.

2. BITSIOS SAID HE DIDN'T "THINK" THAT THE GREEK SIDE COULD ACCEPT THE WORD "AUSPICES." HE ASKED ME TO GO OVER WITH HIM THE SPECIFIC TEXT OF HOW THE REVISED PARAGRAPH 6 WOULD READ, AND I TOLD HIM MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE TEXT UNDER CONSIDERATION WAS THE ONE SET FORTH IN PARA-GRAPH 7 REFTEL B, WITH THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE WORD "AUS-PICES" FOR THE WORD "DIRECTION." I POINTED OUT THAT TTHAT TEXT CALLED UPON THE SYG "TO CONVENE THE PARTIES UNDER NEW AGREED PROCEDURES...TO PLACE HIM SELF PERSONALLY AT THEIR DISPOSAL...UNDER HIS PERSONAL DIRECTION...AND TO UNDERTAKE A NEW MISSION OF GOOD OFFICES." I SAID THAT THE WHOLE THRUST OF THE PARAGRAPH SEEMED TO ME TO MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THIS PROVIDED FOR A SIGNIFICANT NEW APPROACH AND THE PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT OF THE SYG.

3. BITSIOS SAID THE WORD "AUSPICES" HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK AND DISCARDED AND THAT IN ANY CASE HE DID NOT THINK THE "CYPRIOTS" COULD BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT THE WORD "AUSPICES." HE SAID IT WAS QUITE CLEAR THAT THE TURKS WERE TRYING TO STAY AS CLOSE AS POSSI-BLE TO THE OLD AND NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK, WITH "MINOR PERSONALITIES" INSTEAD OF THE SYG BEING INVOLVED.
4. HE SAID THE WOULD NEED SOME TIME TO CONSIDER THIS PROPOSED CHANGE AND TO CONSULT WITH OTHERS. I TOLD HIM MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE SYG WAS PREPARED TO REMAIN IN NEW YORK LONGER IF NECESSARY IN THE EVENT IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO TAKE A VOTE THIS MORNING. BITSIOS SAID HE THOUGHT WE SHOULD GO AHEAD AND "FINISH THIS MATTER" NOW--ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBLY GOING ALONG WITH A SHORT FURTHER DELAY.

5. I URGED HIM IN THE STRONGEST TERMS TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE INVOLVING THE WORD "AUSPICES" AND ALTHOUGH HE

REFUSED TO COMMIT HIMSELF, HE DID INDICATE THAT IF THE CYPRIOTS WOULD ACCEPT IT, THE GOG ALSO WOULD DO SO. HE WAS IN A SOMEWHAT MORE CONCILIATORY MOOD THAN HE WAS PRIOR TO HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS, FIRST WITH CARAYANNIS AND THEN WITH ME LAST NIGHT (WHICH I CONVEYED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM BY TELEPHONE--USUN 751). BITSIOS SAID HE WOULD CONVEY HIS LATEST INSTRUCTIONS TO CARAYANNIS IN NEW YORK WITHIN THE

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NEXT COUPLE OF HOURS, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE PRESENT
VIEW OF THE GOT AS I HAD TOLD IT TO HIM, AS WELL AS
OUR OWN STRONGEST URGING THAT HE GO ALONG.
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